

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. SAWAGUCHI  
 Serial No. 09/549,929  
 Filed: April 14, 2000  
 Group Art Unit: 2133  
 Examiner: S. Baker

For: DATA RECORDING/READBACK METHOD AND  
 DATA RECORDING/READBACK DEVICE FOR THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/549,929, filed on April 14, 2000, entitled DATA RECORDING/READBACK METHOD AND DATA RECORDING/READBACK DEVICE FOR THE SAME, by the inventor named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,  
 including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
 LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
 PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee		\$ 770.00
Total Claims	1 - 20 = 0 x 18 = \$ .00	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 = 0 x 84 = \$ .00	
Total Filing Fee		\$ 770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$770.00  
is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-34 before calculating the Filing Fee.  
A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
additional fees which may be required, or to credit any  
overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy  
of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the  
first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.  
09/549,929, filed April 14, 2000.

7. New drawings are enclosed, thirteen (13) sheets,  
Figs. 1-9.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration  
in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is  
hereby granted to:

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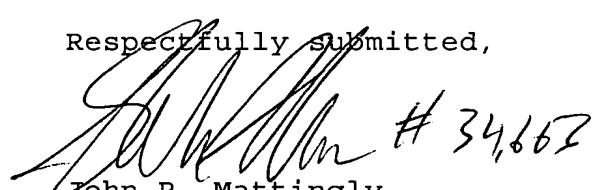
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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi,  
Limited.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained  
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed  
in the present continuation application would have been new  
matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/549,929, as  
originally filed on April 14, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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